

PARK & RECREATION MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2002
6:30 P.M.

Call To Order: The Parks & Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15th Street. President Jack Harmon called the meeting to order. Members present were Tracey Phillips, Wilma Jo Kile, Charlie Brown, Tim Shuppert and Denny Corn. Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Attorney Julie Newhouse and Jan Voiles of the *Rushville Republican*.

Minutes: Minutes of October 8, 2002 was presented for approval. Kile moved to approve minutes. Corn seconded. Motion carried.

Reports: Parks Director Danny Mathews reported: Halloween program is over. Went real well and was a big success, thanking all those involved. Mathews stated this concludes his programs this year until the Valentines Dance next February.

He shared with the board he has had the luxury of getting two Community Service workers and has put them to work. They have been working in the Park office. He has about \$200 invested in materials with their free labor. They put a ceiling in the shop to keep heat in and have built a wall separating the shop and the office. Mathews stated they have done a wonderful job and was so grateful to have had these guys.

Mathews stated himself and Julie surveyed the trees behind the High School and at the fairgrounds to see whose responsibility they are. The trees on the fairgrounds side belongs to the City and the ones on the school side belong to the schools. These trees are in bad shape and in need of trimming. He has contacted Mike Grizell who will trim all fifteen trees at \$865.00. He contacted Mark VanNatta of the Schools and they will do their side if we do ours. Mathews stated he has money to do this and feels this is a concern of his. Everything hanging over the street will be trimmed. Board gave Mathews the go ahead to get the trees trimmed.

Claims: Reviewed prior to meeting by Brown and Phillips. Phillips moved to approve claims for the month. Brown seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Discuss Quote for Handicap Pull Off at War Memorial Bridge- Mathews stated he received a price of \$1,465 from Eugene Stanley. This would be one handicap parking space and one regular parking space. This would include painting the lines and the complete setup.

Shuppert stated he liked the regular parking space with the handicap space. Sharpe shared with the board that Kile drafted a letter to the Daughters of American Revolution requesting a donation for the handicap pull off parking. Sharpe stated that she received a call yesterday and the DAR is making a donation of \$500.

Kile presented the board a donation of \$25.00 from Mrs. Prifogle.

Attorney Newhouse also stated she has sent a donation for \$250.00.

Harmon stated he is thrilled with the donations we are getting.

The board asked Voiles to put in the paper that we are accepting donations towards this handicap pull off.

Mathews will pay for this out of his budget and if any donations come in his account will be reimbursed.

Shuppert made a motion to move forward with this project not to exceed \$1,465 and to reimburse his budget with donations that come in. Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

Discuss Quote for Grinding Rail for Skateboard Park - Sharpe reported she had contacted three welding companies for quotes for the grinding rails at the skateboard park. She received a quote from Marcum Welding out of Morristown for \$421.40 for two grinding rails and a quote from Naylor Welding from Rushville for \$402.50 for both grinding rails. The board discussed the rails and how they would be installed. Shuppert feels the rails should be put three foot in the ground instead of being screwed into the pavement. Shuppert also feels that they should use schedule 80 pipe. The board asked Sharpe to have the two business's re-quote adding 3 foot to each leg so they can be buried into the ground and to get a quote for using schedule 80 pipe. Sharpe will get new quotes and put this back on the agenda for next month.

Sharpe discussed purchasing helmets with money left in the Skateboard Park Fund. She stated she has received four helmets from the Police Department and has had five kids come in stating they could not afford to buy a helmet needing one. She gave the first four out to the kids in need and still had one kid that had come in requesting one. She found a company called CNS Children-N-Safety Program that will sell Snell Certified Helmets for \$4.45 each plus shipping and asked the board if they were willing to purchase some helmets to give out if requested. Phillips stated he feels this should be their responsibility to buy their own helmets. Brown said that if we give them helmets and they still get hurt would we be liable? He also feels they should buy their own. We can't police the area so we shouldn't be handing out helmets either. The board is not in favor of buying helmets at this time.

Discuss Quote for Tree Trimming - Discussed under Department Reports.

Discuss Results from Halloween - Sharpe reported that all went well for the second year. The weather was chilly and the Halloween Parade didn't have as big of a turn out as last year but the Haunted House was a big success. All 500-treat bags were gone by 8:30 P.M. Sharpe thanked all that gave donations of candy or money and thanked all that helped this year. She said the help was tremendous. Kile said it was fun and that this is a great thing for Rushville. All these programs make our Parks department look good.

New Business:

There being no further business, Kile moved to adjourn. Phillips seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

JACK HARMON, PRESIDENT

TRACEY PHILLIPS, VICE PRESIDENT

WILMA JO KILE, MEMBER

TIM SHUPPERT, MEMBER

CHARLES BROWN, MEMBER

DENNY CORN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY